



## **New digital platform "Kevla" to simplify the exchange of certificates and compliance documents**

**PwC Deutschland, adesso and Kiwa join forces to create a new ecosystem / The industry-independent platform will simplify the management of different compliance evidence in the value chains and thus create trust.**

**Frankfurt (Main), 25th June 2024** - The auditing and consulting firm PwC Germany (PwC), the IT service provider adesso and Kiwa, a global provider for testing, inspection and certification, have joined forces to create a new ecosystem: The aim is to organize the secure exchange of different proofs of trust (so-called "trust documents") in a simple way across companies. The planned project is subject to approval by the competition authorities.

The new company will operate independently of the founding partners under the name "Kevla". In future, "Kevla" will offer certifiers, suppliers and their customers a platform that simplifies the exchange of certification documents - for example in accordance with DIN, ISO or ISAE 3000 - by automatically sharing the subject matter, content, validity period and necessary metadata of the trust document in an audit-proof manner. In this way, the founders aim to make certification management simpler, more transparent and more secure on the one hand, and to provide an industry-independent solution for the first time on the other.

"The management of certificates is currently complex, non-transparent, time-consuming and involves risks. In addition, the number of mandatory certifications is increasing, which in turn increases the demand for a solution for the simple and secure exchange of these documents. With our joint venture, we want to set a new standard here and automate these processes," says Joachim Mohs, Partner and cyber security expert at PwC Germany.

"With "Kevla", we are building a secure and scalable IT platform that enables the exchange of trustworthy documents across industries and thus contributes to the digitalization of industries," says Marius Fiebig, Head of the Cross Industries business unit at adesso. "With Kiwa and PwC, we are delighted to have partners at our side who know the market and the needs of our customers inside out so that we can tailor our IT platform precisely to them."

In future, it will be possible to provide and view all certificates and compliance documents of a supplier or provider on the certification platform, similar to a library. Each document is encrypted and secured by intelligent access management. In addition, the new company will ensure that the documents comply with legal, regulatory and industry-specific requirements.

"In today's regulated world, there is virtually no service, product or process that is not assessed and requires a certificate or an audit or test report. Stakeholders such as consumers, producers, service providers, authorities, etc. must be able to oversee and validate this. This is exactly where "Kevla" comes in and enables all parties involved to organize, archive, claim and complain about these so-called trust documents - with the certainty that they are genuine, valid and correct," says Prof. Dr. Roland Hüttel, Executive Chairman Kiwa Germany, and adds: "Since the testing, inspection and certification industry is responsible for a large part of these documents worldwide, we support the "Kevla" project."



PwC Germany acted as a kind of incubator for the new company in its start-up phase: through a dedicated innovation process, the idea for "Kevla" was developed into a market-ready solution by PwC's internal Corporate Development & Innovation Team. After its foundation, PwC remains a passive minority investor in "Kevla", but no longer has any influence on operations and decision-making.

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PwC sees it as its task to build social trust and solve important problems. More than 364,000 employees in 151 countries contribute to this with high-quality, industry-specific services in the areas of auditing, tax and business consulting.

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#### **About adesso:**

adesso is one of the leading IT service providers in the German-speaking region and focuses on the core business processes of companies and public administrations with consulting and individual software development. adesso's strategy is based on three pillars: comprehensive industry know-how of its employees, broad, vendor-neutral technological expertise and proven methods for the implementation of software projects. With tailor-made IT solutions, adesso strengthens the competitiveness of companies and organizations in the target sectors of insurance/reinsurance, banking and financial services, healthcare and life sciences, energy supply, public administration, automotive and manufacturing industry, trade, transport companies, media and entertainment, lottery and sports.

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#### **About Kiwa:**

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